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The JHU Applied Physics Laboratory Continues a Long History of Propulsion Research

The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL) has been involved with rocket and missile propulsion as a technology developer, as an evaluator of propulsion technology, and as a user of propulsion units for over fifty years. JHU/APL has been at the forefront of research and development in ramjet, scramjet, and mixed-cycle air-breathing propulsion systems since 1944, with the development and first successful flight test of a surface-launched, supersonic ramjet for the U.S. Navy. This leading edge highspeed air-breathing propulsion research continues today at APL with the development and evaluation of propulsion technology for the U.S. Navy Hypersonic Weapon Technology (HWT), the U.S. Air Force Hypersonic Technologies (HyTech), DARPA's Affordable Rapid Response Missile Demonstrator (ARRMD), and NASA's Access-To-Space [using Rocket-Based-Combined-Cycle (RBCC) propulsion) programs.

In parallel, JHU/APL has also maintained a longstanding expertise in systems engineering, in its role as a technical development agent for a variety of aerospace systems and military and civilian space systems, and has consequently sustained its capability to evaluate and to apply rocket propulsion technology to these systems. JHU/APL's sponsors include the U.S. Navy (NAVAIR, NAVSEA, SSP, and others), the U.S. Air Force, DARPA, and NASA. JHU/APL conducts various propulsion system analysis and evaluation tasks for U.S. Navy ship defense and tactical air-launched missile development programs.

JHU/APL's airbreathing propulsion efforts are led by Paul Waltrup, Dave Van Wie and Mike White in the Research and Technology Development Center (RTDC). JHU/APL is the lead organiza-

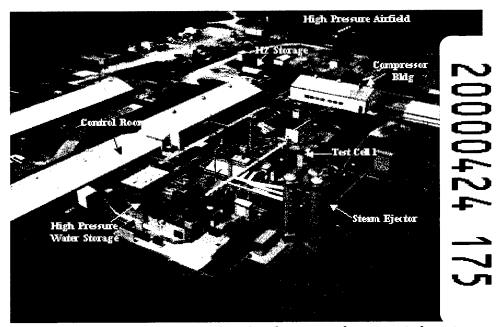


Figure 1. W. H. Avery Advanced Technology Development Laboratory

tion for propulsion technology development, integration and performance for the ONR Hypersonic Weapons Technology program. As part of this effort the APL is preparing for tests of advanced Dual-Combustor Ramjet (DCR) hardware under the guidance of Steve D'Alessio. For the ARRMD program, APL serves as the Lead Technical Advisor for DARPA, working closely with the Boeing-led industry team to develop a hypersonic cruise missile flight demonstrator. For the USAF HyTech program, JHU/APL is a technical advisor to the Air Force Research Lab program office. Led by Michael Thompson, APL is working closely with Pratt & Whitney on the testing of their HyTech engine concept. Finally, for NASA, JHU/APL is evaluating conceptual design and performance estimates for access-to-space vehicles powered by RBCC engines, evaluating RBCC experimental data and assessing optimum component performance. JHU/APL is also working with Russian researchers at several Institutes and Universities to examine and develop advanced technologies applicable to scramjet engines and hypersonic fluid dynamics.

JHU/APL recently initiated several internal research and development (IRAD) projects to investigate fundamental aspects

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7/16-21	27th International Pyrotechnics Seminar	LANL	Grand Junction, CO	
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24th EPTS & 7th SPIRITS User Group Joint Meeting May 15-18, Nellis AFB, FL

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of RBCC-specific operations and flowpath characteristics, using its high-speed wind tunnel test cells and long experience in similar dual-combustor ramjet/scramjet research. Laboratory-developed analytical tools have been applied to a subscale, axisymmetric RBCC configuration, to evaluate the engine's theoretical performance and to guide the test program. Tharen Rice of the RTDC is currently conducting tests to assess the effect of air augmentation on the operation at low Mach numbers in a heavyweight, heat-sink engine.

As part of the JHU/APL RTDC, the W. H. Avery Advanced Technology Development Laboratory (AATDL) maintains a hypersonic wind tunnel complex for investigation of aerospace technologies related to interceptor missiles, cruise missiles, space-access vehicles, and long-range high-speed aircraft. The AATDL was constructed in the early 1960's for investigations into the performance and operability of ramjet and scramjet engines. The AATDL facilities provide capabilities for aerothermal testing from Mach 4 to Mach 7, whereby various structures and materials can be exposed to high-speed flow environments at varying angles-of-attack and altitude conditions. The aerothermal freejet wind tunnel in Test Cell 5 is capable of simulating the aerothermal environment up to Mach 8 and has been an integral part of the IR Dome development for STANDARD Missile for over a decade. The AATDL also provides direct-connect and free-jet testing of airbreathing engine components, and maintains the capability to design and fabricate wind-tunnel models.

The principal components of the AATDL facility, shown in Figure 1, include a highpressure airfield, air distribution network, five test cells, and a two-stage steam ejection exhaust system for altitude simulation. Major subsystems include the delivery systems for oxygen, hydrogen, hydrocarbon fuel, and cooling water and the facility control and data acquisition systems. Flow rates for all gases are computer controlled using digital values enabling accurate single-point flow simulation as well as a variable-condition trajectory simulation. Test time for combustion tests can be set by different subsystems depending on the test requirement. To prepare for hypersonic engine testing being planned by DARPA and ONR, JHU/APL made a major capital investment in 1998 to refurbish the large-scale, direct-connect scramjet combustor test all previously operational under the National Aerospace Plane Program. This test cell is capable of testing full-scale, tactical missile size combustors up to approximately Mach 8. The refurbished direct-connect combustor test cell (Test Cell 1) is shown in Figure 2 (on page 5) where a two-dimensional scramjet combustor is installed. In its current configuration, the airstream is brought online through a flexible bellows system to allow direct measurement of combustor thrust. A large scale calorimeter is used to determine combustion efficiency. The vitiated air system, supply nozzle, thrust stand, and combustor are shown in Figure 2. This test cell was recently used for DARPA Laser Ignition Studies and is currently being modified to test a full scale DCR combustor rig under the ONR HWT Program. Test Cell 2 is the freejet compliment to Test Cell 1 with capability to test freejet rigs up to Mach 7 in a 15.2-inch diameter axisymmetric nozzle.

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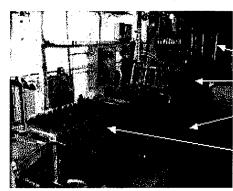


Figure 2. Direct-Connect Scramjet Test Cell

ment of advanced aerodynamic control techniques. As an example, the AATDL has developed facilities for investigating the control of supersonic flow using plasma aerodynamics techniques. An example is shown in Figure 3, which is a photograph taken from an experimental set-up that allows investigation of the effects of electrical discharges in supersonic flows. In this facility, the use of electric discharges for significantly modifying flows has been demonstrated.

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While JHU/APL has maintained a strong research role in air-breathing engine work for missile propulsion for many years, it

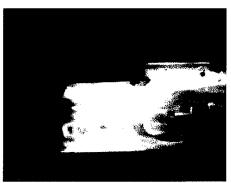


Figure 3. Mach 2.7 Flow Around Sphere with Upstream Electrical Discharge.

has also engaged in the development of broader guided missile technologies since the mid 1940's. Consequently, the application of various non-air-breathing propulsion technologies has been a central part of many past and ongoing Laboratory projects, including the assessment of conventional and alternative propulsion technologies. In its role as a systems engineer, JHU/APL assesses the impact of competing propulsion technologies on system performance, operability, and functionality. The Lab may conduct experimental investigations of propulsion elements or applications, to provide a basis for these assessments.

As an example, hybrid rocket propulsion is a technology of potential interest for a number of applications where thrust magnitude control is desirable, along with the simplicity and relatively high performance of a solid rocket motor. To evaluate the potential of this technology, Harry Hoffman and Dan Simon are engaged in fundamental studies of conventional hybrid rockets to evaluate hybrid-unique phenomena. Facilities include a thrust

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stand with a mass-flow-controlled reactant (fuel or oxidizer) injector, and instrumentation to closely monitor the flow conditions at various points in the operation to permit complete control and evaluation of the unit operation. Goals of the project include careful evaluation of basic phenomena and underlying mechanisms involved in transients (ignition rise, thrust tail-off, throttling), and predictability of recession.

Finally, as an adjunct to its technology work relating to vehicle performance and systems engineering, JHU/APL has developed approaches to detection and assessment of energetic material aging. Dr. Lawrence Hunter has developed an experimental method for detecting chemical aging of energetic (propellant) materials, along with the necessary chemical aging models that form the theoretical basis for the technique. The method has been experimentally evaluated; remaining life is predicted using chemical aging models developed for the particular material formulation. The method appears to be applicable to a wide range of chemical aging situations.

Other recent JHU/APL propulsion-related projects and initiatives include the investigation of lasers to ignite or pilot mixed gaseous fuels and oxidizers (part of a DARPA-funded effort in 1998), microsatellite propulsion, high temperature

materials, light-gas-gun launch systems, and advanced "smart" composite structural materials.

The JHU/APL is poised to continue its role as a developer, and evaluator, and a user of propulsion technology in the new century with its ongoing research and technology development, and systems engineering efforts. JHU/APL will continue to evaluate and apply technology advancements to further the capabilities of systems of national importance.

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Low Cost Ablative, Insulating, Structural and Adhesive Materials for Aerospace Applications

Lockheed Martin Naval Electronics & Surveillance Systems (*LM NE&SS-Baltimore*) is seeking sources for low cost, high performance materials for use in high temperature gas management subsystems. Technical performance requirements for the various technologies of interest are described in the following paragraphs.

- 1) High Temperature Structural Ablative System: Materials are required to withstand heat fluxes up to 900 BTU / ft²-sec for up to 10 seconds. Gas temperature is 3500F. The material or system should be compatible with box and tubular shaped form factors. Average density not to exceed 200 lbs / ft³. Thin tube thickness is needed, so high strength materials are required.
- 2) Low Cost, High Temperature Ablative Materials: Materials are required to withstand heat fluxes up to 1600 BTU / ft²-sec for up to 10 seconds. Gas temperatures are as high as 6000F. Acceptable materials must be able to protect structural components from excessive heating and erosion. Density not to exceed 200 lbs / ft³. Low thermal conductivity is desired, and shall be a maximum of 65 BTU/ hr/ ft²/F/ft. The material should have a failure strain greater than 0.14%. High temperature and room temperature cure materials will be considered.
- 3) Low Cost, High Temperature Adhesive Materials: New adhesive materials are needed to bond metals to composites and require a minimum shear strength of 350 psi at 300F. Primary factors for adhesives will be low cost and high strength at elevated temperature. The adhesive should be a thick paste capable to form a .030"- .150" bond line. Room temperature cure adhesive is desirable.
- 4) Low Cost, High Temperature Insulating Materials for Low Heat Flux Environments: Materials will operate in low heat flux environments of 75 BTU/ ft²-sec. Less than 1 BTU/ hr/ ft²/F/ft thermal conductivity is required. Spray, brush or trowel application is desirable. No material strength is required, but the material should remain attached to the metal while subjected to high subsonic hot gasses.
- 5) Low Cost, High Temperature Insulating Materials for High Heat Flux Environments: Materials are required to withstand heat fluxes up to 1200 BTU / ft²-sec for up to 1.7 minutes. Gas temperature is 3500F. Less than 1 BTU/ hr/ ft²/F/ft thermal conductivity is required. Spray, brush or trowel application is desirable. Surfaces will be flat, steel plates. No material strength is required, but the material should remain attached to the metal while subjected to high subsonic hot gasses.

Interested contractors should respond by May 31, 2000. Responses to be sent to Lockheed Martin NE&SS-Baltimore, 2323 Eastern Boulevard, Baltimore MD 21220-4207, Attention: David Luksik, M/S 800W.

Responses should include the following information:

- 1. Description of recommended materials/technology.
- 2. Description of current application or development of the subject materials/technology.
- 3. Materials properties test data.
- 4. Description of manufacturing process required for material fabrication.
- 5. Materials cost (per pound, per square foot of thickness).
- 6. Contractors are strongly encouraged to submit responses addressing low cost approach in material selection and fabrication.
- 7. Contractor credentials demonstrating previous experience in designing and developing material in specified area, including key technical personnel and in-house production facilities.

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May 8-12	29th Propellant Development Characterization Subcommittee and 18th Safety and Environmental Protection Subcommittee Joint Meeting	Conference/ Workshop	Cocoa Beach, FL	Past	Past
May 15-18	24th Exhaust Plume Technology Subcommittee and 7th SPIRITS User Group Joint Meeting	Conference	Nellis AFB, NV	Past	Past
Nov. 13-17	37th Combustion Subcommittee, 25th Airbreathing Propulsion Subcommittee, 19th Propulsion Systems Hazards Subcommittee, 1st Modeling and Simulation Subcommittee Joint Meeting	Conference/ Workshop	Monterey, CA	May 15	Oct. 23
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Mar. 26-30	12th Nondestructive Evaluation Subcommittee, 21st Rocket Nozzle Technology Subcommittee and 34th Structures and Mechanical Behavior Subcommittee Joint Meeting	Conference/ Workshop	Cocoa Beach, FL	ТВА	TBA
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